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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 79 JOBS IN McDOWELL COUNTY ***\$75,000 One North Carolina Fund Grant Helps Carriage House Door Company Locate in N.C.***

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Carriage House Door Company, makers of custom wood and steel garage doors and entrance gates, will open a manufacturing facility in McDowell County creating 79 jobs and investing \$1.5 million over the next three years. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$75,000 One North Carolina Fund grant.

“Carriage House Door Company’s decision to open a facility in North Carolina is excellent news for McDowell County,” Easley said. “The company considered several other locations but ultimately chose our state’s business-friendly climate and dedication to making the necessary investments in workforce development, education and infrastructure.”

The Carriage House Door Company of Sacramento, Calif., is a market leading manufacturer of high-end, custom wood and steel garage doors and entrance gates. The company’s facility in McDowell County will be its first East Coast location. While wages will vary, the average weekly wage of the new jobs is \$490 plus benefits, which is higher than the McDowell County average weekly wage of \$477 not including benefits.

“We felt we were a perfect fit with the community,” said Gary Singley, president of Carriage House Door Company. “We chose North Carolina and McDowell County because of the qualified labor force available and the sustainability of the facility we found. The valuable assistance we received from the community representatives, in particular Chuck Abernathy of McDowell County, was instrumental in making this project a reality.”

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in recruiting and expanding quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through the use of this Fund, 17,000 jobs and \$2 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce, McDowell County, the Town of Old Fort and McDowell Technical Community College.

For more information about Carriage House Door Company or possible employment opportunities, please visit www.carriagedoor.com.

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